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Dear Harold, Jan.30, 1972

I enjoyed my brief visit with you. My whole vacation was a much needed rest, although I returned to a funding crisis which has kept me going day andnight until today when I finished the grant. I wrote Paul of your conversation with Fred Graham before I read your letter advising me to keep it quiet, but I assume that no harm was done by that.
If and when I get through PM I will try to find time to make the notes you asked for. As for Burke Marshall, Ithink that we need to know a good deal more about his role before positing an explanation for the Latimer thing.

As for your questions about Ned, as I explained when I was with ;you, his slowness in responding is characteristic of him, and not just related to the things you asked. I also suspect that his upset and anger at the tone of your letters had the opposite effect of what you intended. To the best of my knowledge he has not breached any trust--could you spell out the basis for your belief that he did. He has, from time# to time, indicated that you had told him things in confidence which did not include me, and he has always not filled me in. I have always felt that a good test of his keeping of your confidences.

I have not seen the Turner-Olson piece. The last time I visited Paul he indicated that he had not seen Don for some time. Don has not been in touch with me for years.

On Ned again, it would be a big help if you could spell out what you have evidence of, or fear, in direct and not elliptical terms. I will do my best to prevent anything on Ned's part which could create problems, and to ask him about giving assurances of his intentions, but need to know specifics before doing this.

I do not believe that the melon thing originated with Don and that Paul could have been pulled into it due to Olson's desire to "trade on Paul's name and unimpeachable reputation." From what Paul told me he had serious interest in the melon experiment. My major impression of Olson's work was that he was leaning over backwards to prove a theory.

Thanks for the schizophrenia newspaper story. I'm skeptical. They have been working with that group of chemicals for years, and big breakthroughs like this have been announced before and failed to hold up on replication. I hope that they are right, but doubt it.

I haven't heard from anyone from the Washington Post and assume that their interest was overstated by Paul Valentine. I am glad that they haven't been in touch given all the work I came back to. I always forget how much I have to do while I am on vacation and tend to make promises I can't keep.

That jar of cherry preserves I bought in Frederick is almost gone. Your recommendation was a good one--they were great.

I hope that Lil is well and not overworking. Could you ask her if income averaging is OK if the income for several of the years was college income (i.e. research assistantships, fellowships) on which no taxes were paid? Someone out here claims that college-type income doesn't count.

Hope that the finger is better. Glad to hear that you are still using the splint. Injuries to fingers and feet take a long while to heal because those parts of the body are in constant use.

My parents were glad to see me for a few more days. I make only rare trip home. It is good to have a nice friendship with Marion--before the relationship was resolved it was always a mixed experience to visit. Well, I'd better get some sleep--grant writing is tiring. Please take care of yourself.

Gary